



**Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American
Tropical Tuna Commission
Established by the 1949 Convention
between the United States of America
and the
Republic of Costa Rica
(“Antigua Convention”)**

Adopted	June 27, 2003, at the 70 th Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
Open for signature	at Washington from November 14, 2003, until December 31, 2004 (Article XXVII)
Entry into force	Not in force. Enters into force fifteen (15) months after the deposit with the Depositary of the seventh instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession of the Parties to the 1949 Convention that were Parties to that Convention on the date this Convention was opened for signature; after the date of entry into force of this Convention, with respect to each State or regional economic integration organization that meets the requirements of Article XXVII or Article XXX, this Convention shall enter into force for said State or regional economic integration organization on the thirtieth (30 th) day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. (Article XXXI (1) and (2))

Status					
Participant	Signature	Consent to be bound	Entry into force	Other action	Notes
Legend: (no mark) = ratification; A = acceptance; AA = approval; a = accession; d = succession; w = withdrawal / denunciation					
Belize					
Bolivia					
Canada	December 22, 2004				
Chile					
China	March 3, 2004				
Chinese Taipei					1
Colombia					
Costa Rica	November 14, 2003				
Ecuador	April 14, 2004				
El Salvador	May 13, 2004	March 10, 2005			2
European Community	December 13, 2004				
France	November 14, 2003				
Guatemala	January 6, 2004				
Honduras					
Japan					
Korea		December 13, 2005 a			
Mexico	November 14, 2003	January 14, 2005			
Nicaragua	November 21, 2003				3

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Panama					
Peru	November 14, 2003				
United States	November 14, 2003				
Vanuatu					
Venezuela	May 12, 2004				

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- 1 *An instrument for the participation of the fishing entity Chinese Taipei in the Antigua Convention was signed on November 14, 2003, by the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (Article XXVIII (1)).*

- 2 *Declaration made upon signature of the Convention by El Salvador:*

The Republic of El Salvador, in accordance with Article XVII, "RIGHTS OF STATES," of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica ("Antigua Convention"), issues the following interpretive declaration: (1) No clause of the above-referenced Convention may be interpreted in such a manner so as to impinge upon the rights of El Salvador in its marine and coastal zones, or in any other part of its territory, or in any way to imply a total or partial renunciation of its claims to maritime and insular zones and territories; (2) The Republic of El Salvador does not renounce, in whole or in part, its sovereignty and jurisdiction over, or rights to, territory, islands, inland waters, maritime spaces, or airspace that belong to it pursuant to its domestic legislation and international law; (3) The signing and entry into force of this Convention by States without coasts bordering the Eastern Pacific Ocean shall have no bearing on El Salvador's legal considerations with respect to the limits of its maritime spaces or maritime jurisdiction; and (4) It is the position of the Republic of El Salvador that any proposal, measure, draft, statement, law, or rules derived from the unilateral actions of one or more States to the detriment of its sovereignty and territorial rights and related to the application of provisions of the above-mentioned Antigua Convention may be rejected.

The Republic of El Salvador declares that it interprets Article XXVII(1)(d), "SIGNATURE," in reference to prior consultation with the Parties to the 1949 Convention, as meaning that if said Parties express unwillingness in this regard, this will prevent entry by the requesting State.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION. The Republic of El Salvador declares that with regard to Article XXXII, "PROVISIONAL APPLICATION," the provisions of its domestic legislation shall apply.

[Department of State translation]

The above declarations were included in El Salvador's instrument of ratification of the Convention.

- 3 *Declaration made upon signature of the Convention by Nicaragua:*

As it signs the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the Convention of 1949, known as the Antigua Convention, the Republic of Nicaragua issues the following interpretive declaration:

- None of the clauses of the above-mentioned Convention may be interpreted as in any way affecting or jeopardizing the rights of Nicaragua in its maritime and coastal zones, or in any other part of its territory, or as implying in any way a total or partial renunciation of its positions or claims with regard to maritime and insular zones and territories;
- The Republic of Nicaragua does not renounce, in whole or in part, its sovereignty and jurisdiction over, or rights to, its territory, islands, islets, cays, adjacent banks, inland waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, and air space vested in it by domestic and international law;

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3. The signature and entry into force of this Convention by non-Pacific coastal States does not in any way affect or jeopardize the stance or legal positions of Nicaragua with regard to the boundaries of its maritime spaces or its maritime jurisdiction, or in any way imply, directly or indirectly, any recognition of any claims they might have to specific maritime spaces.
4. The Republic of Nicaragua reserves the right to reject any proposal, measure, plan, declaration, law, or regulation derived from unilateral acts of one or more States.

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